# U.S.ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL AIR AND RADIATION ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY 540 S. MORRIS AVE., MONTGOMERY, AL 36115 ALPBET ANALYSES

#### REPORT OF SAMPLE DELIVERY GROUP #1000029

Project:

Smokey Mountain Smelter, Knoxville, TN

Analysis Procedure:

Gross Alpha and Beta on Solid Samples

Report ID:

100029-ALPBET

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#### **SAMPLES**

NAREL Sample #	Client Sample ID	Туре	Matrix	Date Collected	Date Received
B0.07995U	03377 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010
B0.07996V	03378 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010
B0.07997W	03379 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010
B0.07998X	03380 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010
B0.07999Y	03381 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010
B0.08000U	03045 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010
B0.08001V	03046 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010
B0.08002W	03047 5-7 CM	SAM	SOIL	09/09/2010	09/17/2010

#### **EXCEPTIONS**

- 1. Packaging and Shipping No problems were observed.
- 2. Documentation No problems were observed.
- 3. Sample Preparation No problems were encountered.
- 4. Analysis No problems were encountered.
- 5. Holding Times All holding times were met.

#### **QUALITY CONTROL**

- 1. QC samples All QC analysis results met NAREL acceptance criteria.
- 2. Instruments Response and background checks for all instruments used in these analyses met NAREL acceptance criteria.

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#### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this data report complies with the terms and conditions of the Quality Assurance Project Plan, except as noted above. Release of the data contained in this report has been authorized by the Director of the Center for Environmental Radioanalytical Laboratory Science and the NAREL Quality Assurance Manager, or their designees, as verified by the following signatures.

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### SAMPLE TYPES

BLD Blind sample FBK Field blank SAM Normal sample

#### ANALYSIS QC TYPES

ANA Normal analysis
DUP Laboratory duplicate

LCS Laboratory control sample (blank spike)

MS Matrix spike

MSD Matrix spike duplicate

RBK Method blank

#### **QUALITY INDICATORS**

RPD Relative Percent Difference

%R Percent Recovery

Z Number of standard deviations by which a OC measurement differs from the expected value

#### **EVALUATION OF QC ANALYSES**

A method blank result is considered unacceptable if it is more than 3 standard deviations below zero or more than 3 standard deviations above a predetermined upper control limit. For some analyses NAREL has set the upper control limit at zero. For others the control limit is a small positive number.

NAREL evaluates the results of duplicate and spike analyses using "Z scores." A Z score is the number of standard deviations by which the QC result differs from its ideal value. The score is considered acceptable if its absolute value is not greater than 3.

The Z score for a spiked sample is computed by dividing the difference between the measured value and the target value by the combined standard uncertainty of the difference.

The Z score for a duplicate analysis is computed by dividing the difference between the two measured values by the combined standard uncertainty of the difference. When the precision of paired MS/MSD analyses is evaluated, the native sample activity is subtracted from each measured value and the net concentrations are then converted to total activities before the Z score is computed.

Each standard uncertainty used to compute a Z score includes an additional fixed term to represent sources of measurement error other than counting error. This additional term is not used in the evaluation of reagent blanks.

NAREL reports the "relative percent difference," or RPD, between duplicate results and the "percent recovery," or %R, for spiked analyses, but does not use these values for evaluation.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

#### GROSS ALPHA AND BETA ANALYSIS

In comparison to the methods employed to determine radionuclide-specific activities, the method employed by NAREL to determine gross alpha and beta activity has the potential for greater analytical bias. This is especially true for solid samples. It should be noted that this potential analytical uncertainty is not included in the two-sigma counting uncertainty term. Therefore, gross alpha and beta results should be used as gross approximations of the alpha and beta activity present.

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#### **ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

Analysis Procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Title:

Gross Alpha and Beta on Solid Samples

NAREL Sample #	QC Type	Preparation Procedure	Date Completed	Assay Batch #	QC Batch #
B0.07995U		N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.07996V	į	N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.07997W		N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.07998X		N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.07998X	DUP	N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.07999Y	!	N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.08000U		N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.08001V		N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
B0.08002W		N/A	10/06/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
LCS-00592489F *	LCS	N/A	10/07/2010	0014451Y	0007021B
RBK-00592490Y *	RBK	N/A	10/07/2010	0014451Y	0007021B

<sup>\*</sup> Samples marked with an asterisk are not in this sample delivery group but were analyzed with it for QC purposes.

#### PREPARATION METHOD(S) USED

Procedure ID	Title

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#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B0.07995U

QC batch #:

0007021B

Matrix:

Comment:

SOIL

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Sample type:

SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

1.005e-01 GASH

Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Dry/wet weight:

81.83 % 94.79 % Analyst:

CHD

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

QC type:

ANA

Sample description:

N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 17:41	100.0	G54A	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	1.48e+02	3.4e+01	4.0e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	1.65e+02	2.0e+01	1.1e+01	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B0.07996V

QC batch #:

0007021B

Matrix:

SOIL

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Sample type: Amount analyzed: SAM 1.007e-01 GASH Prep procedure:

N/A

Dry/wet weight:

87.60 %

Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03 CHD

91.54 %

Analyst: QC type:

ANA

Ash/dry weight: Sample description:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 17:41	100.0	G54B	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	7.01e+01	1.8e+01	4.2e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	1.26e+02	1.5e+01	8.9e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #: Matrix:

B0.07997W

QC batch #: Assay batch #: 0007021B

Sample type:

SOIL SAM

0014451Y

Amount analyzed:

1.010e-01 GASH

Prep procedure:

N/A

Dry/wet weight:

87.60 %

Analysis procedure: Analyst:

NAREL GR-03

Ash/dry weight:

95.88 %

QC type:

CHD ANA

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 17:41	100.0	G54D	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	1.32e+02	3.0e+01	3.8e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	1.79e+02	2.1e+01	1.1e+01	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #: Matrix:

B0.07998X

QC batch #:

0007021B

Sample type:

SOIL SAM

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Amount analyzed:

1.009e-01 GASH

Prep procedure:

N/A NAREL GR-03

Dry/wet weight:

87.98 %

Analysis procedure: Analyst:

Ash/dry weight:

91.93 %

QC type:

CHD ANA

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 19:21	100.0	G54A	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	1.18e+02	2.7e+01	3.9e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	1.56e+02	1.8e+01	1.0e+01	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B0.07998X

QC batch #:

0007021B

Matrix:

SOIL

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Sample type:

Comment:

SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

1.011e-01 GASH

Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Dry/wet weight:

87.98 % 91.93 %

Analyst: QC type: CHD DUP.

Ash/dry weight: Sample description:

N/A

N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and	time Du	ration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010	19:21	100.0	G54B	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	9.90e+01	2.4e+01	4.2e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	1.53e+02	1.8e+01	9.7e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

Comment:

B0.07999Y

QC batch #:

0007021B

Matrix:

SOIL

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Sample type: Amount analyzed: SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Dry/wet weight:

1.011e-01 GASH 79.17 %

Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Ash/dry weight:

84.96 %

Analyst: QC type: CHD ANA

Sample description:

N/A

N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 19:21	100.0	G54D	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	5.48e+01	1.5e+01	3.4e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	8.61e+01	1.1e+01	7.5e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #: Matrix: B0.08000U SOIL QC batch #:

0007021B 0014451Y

Sample type:

SAM

Assay batch #: Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

1.012e-01 GASH

Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Dry/wet weight:

77.42 % 87.80 % Analyst:

CHD

Ash/dry weight: Sample description:

87.80 N/A QC type:

ANA

### Comment: N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 21:01	100.0	G54A	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	4.10e+01	1.2e+01	3.7e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	6.97e+01	9.4e+00	7.1e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #: Matrix:

B0.08001V

QC batch #:

0007021B

Sample type:

SOIL SAM

Assay batch #:

0014451Y N/A

Amount analyzed:

1.029e-01 GASH

Prep procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Dry/wet weight:

79.44 %

Analysis procedure: Analyst:

CHD

Ash/dry weight:

84.28 %

QC type:

ANA

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 21:01	100.0	G54B	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	-3.05e-01	3.8e+00	3.8e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	-2.57e-01	2.3e+00	3.7e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B0.08002W

QC batch #:

0007021B

Matrix:

SOIL

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Sample type:

SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed: Dry/wet weight:

1.009e-01 GASH

Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Dry/wet weight:
Ash/dry weight:

79.50 % 93.27 % Analyst: QC type:

CHD ANA

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 21:01	100.0	G54D	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	7.10e+00	5.5e+00	3.7e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010
Beta	1.54e+01	4.2e+00	5.1e+00	PCI/GDRY	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

LCS-00592489F

QC batch #:

0007021B

Matrix:

N/A

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Sample type: Amount analyzed: N/A

Prep procedure:

N/A

Dry/wet weight:

1.000e+00 SAMP N/A Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03

Dry/wet weight:
Ash/dry weight:

N/A

Analyst:

CHD

Sample description:

N/A N/A QC type:

LCS

Sample descrip

N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 22:41	100.0	G54A	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	1.48e+01	3.3e+00	3.5e-01	PCI	10/06/2010
Beta	1.62e+01	1.9e+00	1.1e+00	PCI	10/06/2010

#### SDG #1000029

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

RBK-00592490Y

QC batch #:

0007021B

Matrix:

N/A

Assay batch #:

0014451Y

Sample type: Amount analyzed: N/A

Prep procedure: Analysis procedure: N/A

Dry/wet weight:

1.000e+00 SAMP

NAREL GR-03

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: CHD **RBK** 

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
10/06/2010 22:41	100.0	G54B	GVJ

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Alpha	-2.82e-02	3.5e-01	3.5e-01	PCI	10/06/2010
Beta	-1.61e-01	2.4e-01	4.0e-01	PCI	10/06/2010

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#### **QC BATCH SUMMARY**

QC batch #:

0007021B

Preparation procedure:

N/A

Analysis procedure:

NAREL GR-03

NAREL Sample #	QC Type	Yield (%)	± 2 σ Uncertainty (%)	Analyst
B0.07995U		N/A		CHD
B0.07996V		N/A		CHD
B0.07997W		N/A	·	CHD
B0.07998X		N/A		CHD
B0.07998X	DUP	N/A		CHD
B0.07999Y	1	N/A		CHD
B0.08000U		N/A		CHD
B0.08001V		N/A		CHD
B0.08002W		N/A		CHD
LCS-00592489F *	LCS	N/A		CHD
RBK-00592490Y *	RBK	N/A		CHD

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#### National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory QC Batch Report

QC Batch #: 0007021B

Analytical Procedure: NAREL GR-03

#### METHOD BLANKS (PCI)

Sample ID	Nuclide	Activity ± 2 $\sigma$	Prep Date	Flags
00592490Y 00592490Y	ALPHA BETA	-2.82e-02 ± 3.5e-01 -1.61e-01 ± 2.4e-01		

#### LABORATORY DUPLICATES (PCI/GDRY)

Sample ID	Nuclide	Original ± 2 $\sigma$	Duplicate ± 2 $\sigma$	RPD	Z
	ALPHA BETA		9.90e+01 ± 2.4e+01 1.53e+02 ± 1.8e+01		-1.02 OK -0.25 OK

#### LAB CONTROL SAMPLES (PCI)

Sample ID	Nuclide	Amt Added ± 2 $\sigma$	Measured ± 2σ	%R	Z
00592489F	ALPHA	1.74e+01 ± 2.8%	1.48e+01 ± 3.3e+00		-1.54 OK
00592489F	BETA	1.55e+01 ± 2.8%	1.62e+01 ± 1.9e+00		0.66 OK

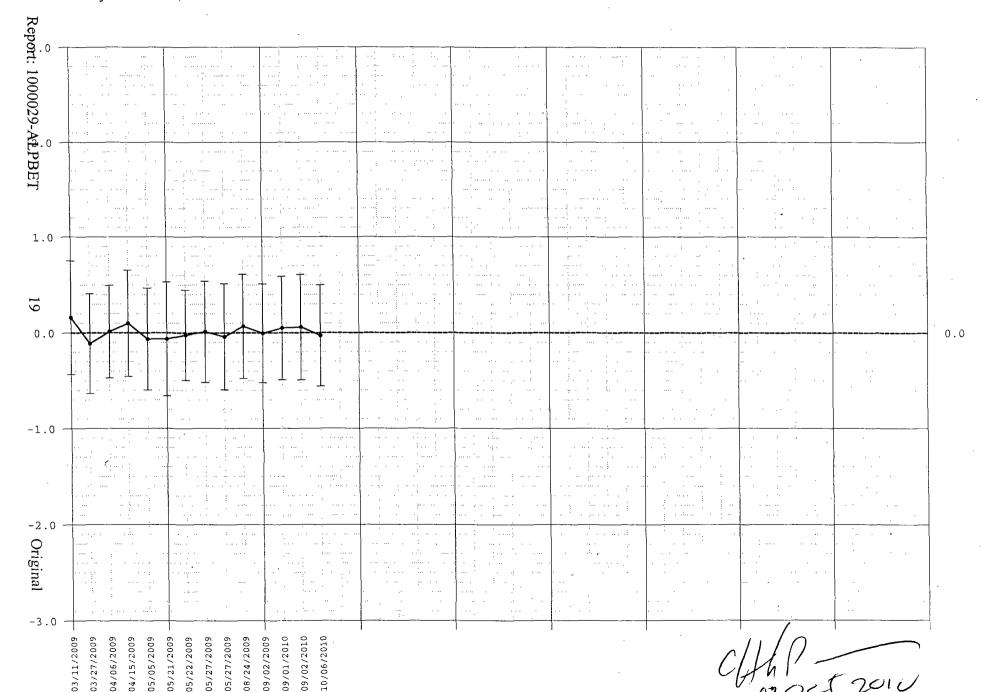
Analyst:

Method Blanks

Analyte: ALPHA

Method: NAREL GR-03

Analyst: duBose, C H



Method Blanks Analyte: BETA

Method: NAREL GR-03

Analyst: duBose, C H

